

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 115

Introduced by Assembly Member Nakano

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 115—Relative to the Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 115, as introduced, Nakano. Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate that portion of State Highway Route 1 located in Los Angeles County as the “Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.” The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers and signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 is a north-south
2 highway, spanning most of California, from the City of
3 San Juan Capistrano to Mendocino County; and

1 WHEREAS, A portion of State Highway Route 1 passes
2 through Los angeles County; and

3 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 has a strong
4 historical significance for the military personnel of the
5 Vietnam War era as it passes beside a significant number
6 of California military bases on which military personnel
7 were trained and dispatched to Vietnam; and

8 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest
9 United States veteran population in the nation,
10 comprising some 3.3 million armed services veterans and
11 representing 12.3 percent of the nationwide veteran
12 population of nearly 27 million; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 350,000 California veterans
14 served in the Vietnam War, which resulted in 40,000 of
15 them being wounded and 5,822 killed or missing in action,
16 representing more than 10 percent of the nation's total
17 casualties; and

18 WHEREAS, More California residents died in the
19 Vietnam War than residents of any other state, and more
20 Californians received the Medal of Honor, the Bronze
21 Star, and the Purple Heart than veterans of any other
22 state; and

23 WHEREAS, Los Angeles County has the largest
24 number of Vietnam veterans in California and 1,857 of its
25 residents were killed or missing in action during that war;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The residents of Los angeles County wish
28 to express their gratitude and appreciation for the
29 sacrifices these Vietnam veterans have made for their
30 country; and

31 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that State Highway
32 Route 1 in Los Angeles County be designated as the Los
33 Angles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway;
34 now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
36 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby
37 designates that portion of State Highway Route 1 located
38 in Los Angeles County as the Los Angeles County
39 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway; and be it further



1 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is
2 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques
3 and markers, consistent with the signing requirements
4 for the state highway system, showing this special
5 designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate
6 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques
7 and markers; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
9 transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of
10 Transportation and to the author for appropriate
11 distribution.

